REMARKS

The examiner has indicated that the applicant is required under 35 U.S.C. 121 to elect a single disclosed species for prosecution on the merits from the following species of the claimed invention:

5   I: Claims 1-44, and 83-94, drawn to a storage virtualization computer system, classified in class 710, subclass 5.

     II: Claims 45-82, drawn to an external storage virtualization controller, classified in class 710, subclass 74.

Response:

10   The applicant hereby elects the following species:

     I: **Claims 1-44, and 83-94, drawn to a storage virtualization computer system, classified in class 710, subclass 5**

for prosecution on the merits in response to the above election requirement. The claims readable on the elected species are claims 1-44 and 83-94.
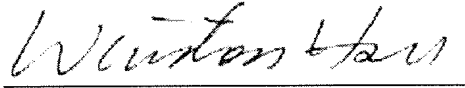
15   Accordingly claims 45-82 are withdrawn without prejudice or disclaimer to the subject matter thereof; however, the applicant reserves the right to file divisional applications based on these claims.

No new matter is introduced in this Office action. Consideration of claims 1-44, and 83-94 readable on the elected species is requested.

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